

House File 183 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to food options offered by a school district.

2 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. **279.72 Food options offered by**
2 **school districts.**

3 1. By the school year beginning July 1, 2022, and each
4 succeeding school year, not less than one hundred percent of
5 the foods sold or provided by a school district on school
6 grounds during the school day, including but not limited to a
7 school breakfast or lunch program operated in accordance with
8 the provisions of chapter 283A, shall be certified organic
9 by the department of agriculture and land stewardship under
10 chapter 190C or by a certifying agent authorized or certified
11 by the United States department of agriculture under the
12 national organic program as defined in section 190C.1.

13 2. By the school year beginning July 1, 2019, and each
14 succeeding school year, a school district providing a school
15 breakfast or lunch program operated in accordance with the
16 provisions of chapter 283A shall offer a daily vegetarian
17 entree option for each meal served under the program.

18 3. By the school year beginning July 1, 2019, and each
19 succeeding school year prior to the school year beginning
20 July 1, 2022, not less than fifty percent of the foods sold
21 or provided by a school district on school grounds during the
22 school day, including but not limited to a school breakfast or
23 lunch program operated in accordance with the provisions of
24 chapter 283A, shall be certified organic by the department of
25 agriculture and land stewardship under chapter 190C or by a
26 certifying agent authorized or certified by the United States
27 department of agriculture under the national organic program as
28 defined in section 190C.1. This subsection is repealed July
29 1, 2022.

30 Sec. 2. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
31 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
32 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
33 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
34 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
35 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed

1 to meet all of the state funding-related requirements of
2 section 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding
3 shall be necessary for the full implementation of this Act
4 by and enforcement of this Act against all affected school
5 districts.

6 EXPLANATION

7 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
8 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

9 This bill requires each school district to offer a daily
10 vegetarian entree option under the school breakfast and lunch
11 programs operated by the school district; requires by July
12 1, 2019, that 50 percent of the food sold or provided by the
13 school district on school grounds be certified organic; and,
14 by July 1, 2022, that 100 percent of such food be certified
15 organic.

16 The bill repeals the provision that requires 50 percent of
17 the foods sold or provided by the school district be certified
18 organic on July 1, 2022, the date the 100 percent requirement
19 takes effect.

20 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
21 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of
22 any state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
23 district from state school foundation aid received by the
24 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification
25 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state mandate
26 funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2. The
27 inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate the
28 requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any state
29 mandates included in the bill.